ROSEDALE
BIBLE CHURCH

Lesson 9 – The Church: Fellowship and Worship

Key Verse: Hebrews 10:24-25

> "And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

The Headship of the Church

1. Colossians 1:18 and Ephesians 5:23.
   - What is Christ's position in the church? _____
   - How is the church described? _____
2. Acts 20:28.
   - What did it cost Christ to purchase the church? _____
3. How does a person become a member of the body of Christ?
   - Colossians 3:15. We are _____ into the body.
   - 1 Corinthians 12:13. We are _____ into the body.

The Local Church Started

1. Romans 16:5. Where did the believers meet before they had church buildings? _____
2. Acts 20:7. What day of the week did they meet? _____
3. Acts 2:42. What four things was the early church devoted to?

   1) _____ 3) _____

   2) _____ 4) _____

"The Church is not a physical building, but a group of believers; not a denomination, sect, or association, but a spiritual Body. The Church is not an organization, but a communion, a fellowship that includes believers." – John MacArthur

The Local Church Organized

1. Ephesians 4:11–12.
   - What four types of gifted men did God give to the church?
     1) _____ 3) _____
     2) _____ 4) _____
2. **Elders/overseers.** The qualifications for elders are stated in 1 Timothy 3:1–7 and Titus 1:6–9.
   - 1 Peter 5:1–2. What are the two major responsibilities of an elder?
     1) _____
     2) _____
   - Hebrews 13:17. What is the responsibility of believers to the elders? _____
     _____
   - Why? _____
3. **Deacons.**
   The word *deacon* means "servant." The deacons are to minister to the needs of the flock under the direction of the elders of the church. The qualifications of deacons are stated in 1 Timothy 3:8–13.
4. **Members of the body.** List the responsibilities of the local church member.
   - Hebrews 10:24. _____
   - Hebrews 10:25. _____
   - Hebrews 13:7. _____
5. 1 Corinthians 9:14. How should those who are appointed to preach and teach be supported? _____
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The Local Church United

1. 1 Corinthians 1:10. What is God's desire for every local church? _____
2. Ephesians 4:2–3
   - In verse 2, what will promote unity? _____
   - In verse 3, what is our responsibility? _____
3. Philippians 2:1–4
   - What is the key to maintaining unity within the body? _____
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The Local Church Ministers

1. Fellowship in the church involves sharing in each other's lives. According to each verse, how should Christians minister to one another?
   - Romans 14:19. _____
   - Galatians 5:13. _____
   - Galatians 6:2. _____
   - James 5:16. _____
2. 1 Peter 4:10–11. What has God given to each Christian to help him or her minister to others within the church? _____

The Local Church Worships

The English word *worship* originally was spelled "worthship," meaning to acknowledge the worth of someone or something. We worship when we give honor to God for who He is. Worship acknowledges God's Person, nature, attributes, and works. It stems from a grateful heart and renders adoration, devotion, and submission to God.

1. John 4:23–24. How are we to worship God? _____
2. Revelation 4:10–11. What is God worthy to receive? _____
   - Why? _____
3. Psalm 66:4. How did the psalmist say God should be worshipped? _____
4. How is reverence for God revealed in the following verses?
   - Exodus 34:8: _____
   - Matthew 8:5–9: _____
   - Revelation 1:17: _____

Local Church Ordinances

1. Matthew 28:19. What did Christ command believers to do? _____
2. 1 Corinthians 11:23–26. We partake of the Lord's Supper to _____ Christ's death.

Application

1. Are you a member of the body of Christ? Meaning, are you a believer in Christ?
2. Are you a member of a local church?
3. How is your worship? In what ways can you improve your worship of God?